

Report To TDEC on Ozburn Brothers Dairy Complaint Investigation November 2013:

Date TDA Received Complaint:
November 8, 2013

Nature Of Complaint:
The stream adjacent to the Ozburn Brother Dairy is black with manure. This is from more than accidental discharges.

Landowner/Operator:
Ozburn Brothers Dairy
7613 Nolensville Road
Nolensville, Tn 37135
Owner, James Ozburn (615)838-8519
Manager, Jay Ozburn (615)703-9874

Date Of Complaint Investigation:
November 19, 2013

Findings:
I found the stream dingy from stormwater runoff at the dairy and adjacent properties and public and private roadways. No manure discharges were found. The pasture along the creek is no longer being used. Most of the fences around this pasture have been removed. No livestock has access to the stream. There are two lean to structures housing calves, near the stream. The manure handling of these structures was dry removal. There were no manure discharges to the creek from these structures observed. About twenty pigs are being raised in another lean to structure located about one hundred and fifty feet away from the stream. The manure handling of this structure is dry removal. There was no manure discharge to the stream observed from this structure. There are two trench silos located about one hundred feet from the stream. The silos were uncovered. No active discharge from these silos was observed. Two stormwater drains to the creek were observed near the dairy. No manure discharges to the creek were observed from these drains. There were no manure discharges observed from the manure storage tank, loafing barns nor the stormwater recycle tank. Mr. James Ozburn informed me that the farm will go on the real estate market by February 14, 2014. His plans are to move the livestock to another location as soon as possible until a suitable farm can be located and purchased to move the dairy operation to.

Recommendation:
I recommended that all bare soil areas around the dairy be seeded down and mulched. I also suggested the two stormwater drains be seeded down and straw bales placed around these drains as filters. I recommended the silos be covered. I suggested contacting NRCS and/or UT Extension for assistance and suggestions.